

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Kouki FUKUI et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0447A
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.